

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 858

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chris Powell for his
laudable contributions to the farmers of
Montgomery County and to the citizens of
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to
improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chris Powell is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest
integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell, an Oklahoma farmer, was instrumental in helping to supply
Montgomery County farmers with hay during the severe summer drought of 2007; and

WHEREAS, no industry is more profoundly affected by the weather than agriculture, and
in 2007, Montgomery County farmers battled some of the worst elements in Mother Nature's
arsenal: record drought and triple-digit heat in mid- to late-summer; and

WHEREAS, in a move to save Montgomery County's second-largest agricultural income
source – beef cattle – from financial ruin due to the severe weather conditions, state leaders
looked for help outside the Tennessee border; and

WHEREAS, Chris Powell worked assiduously to supply Montgomery County farmers
5,000 rolls of hay from his farm, which was sold at a minimal cost to drought-stricken livestock
farms throughout Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the
highest order and as an exceptional asset to the Montgomery County farming community and
the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Mr. Chris Powell, an Oklahoma farmer, for his meritorious service to the farmers of Montgomery County and the citizens of Tennessee by supplying his hay to Montgomery County farmers during the summer drought of 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.